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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Yasushi YOKOCHI et al.)	
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Application No.: Unassigned)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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U.S. Filing Date: April 8, 2005)	Examiner: Unassigned
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National Stage of PCT/JP2003/012029)	
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PCT Filing Date: September 19, 2003)	
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For: Reinforcing Bar-Binding Machine)	

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend
the application as follows: